

invoked on both of the motions to proceed, the Senate then proceed to executive session and begin en bloc consideration of the nominations of Noel Lawrence Hillman, and Peter G. Sheridan, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Thomas L. Ludington, and Sean F. Cox, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; that there be 10 minutes of debate for Senators Lautenberg, Menendez, and Stabenow, respectively; and that following the use, or yielding back of time, but no earlier than 2 p.m., Senate begin consecutive votes on confirmation of the nominations, as listed; provided further, that following those votes, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative; that there be up to 85 minutes of debate reserved for the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, and Senators Dorgan and Conrad; and that following the use, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; provided further, that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, that all time after the convening of the Senate on Thursday, June 8, 2006, be counted against the 30 hours provided under Rule XXII, and that H.R. 8 not be displaced if the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147 is agreed to; and that regardless of the outcome on the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, if cloture has been invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, then the Senate resume debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8; provided further, that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, Senate begin consideration of the bill under the provisions of Rule XXII upon the disposition of H.R. 8.

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Stickler—Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 9, 2006.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Gregory Kent Frizzell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—163) **Page S5534**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 8, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5608.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine agricultural conservation programs in Title II of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–171), after receiving testimony from Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and John A. Johnson, Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, Farm Service Agency, both of the Department of Agriculture; James Earl Kennamer, National Wild Turkey Federation, Edgefield, South Carolina; Olin Sims, Sims Cattle Company, McFadden, Wyoming, on behalf of the National Association of Conservation Districts; James O. Andrew, Andrew Farms, Jefferson, Iowa, on behalf of the Iowa Soybean Association; and Randall Spronk, Edgerton, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council.

2006 HURRICANE SEASON

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the 2006 hurricane season, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Louis W. Uccellini, Director, National Weather Service, National Centers for Environmental Prediction, both of the Department of Commerce.

NASA BUDGET AND PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine outside perspectives relating to NASA budget and programs, including the present budget and its impact on the ability of NASA to carry out their planned scientific program, and workforce issues, risk management approaches, and full-cost accounting mechanisms that impact the budget, after receiving testimony from Roy B. Torbert, University of New Hampshire Space Science Center, Durham; Peter W. Voorhees, Northwestern University Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Evanston, Illinois; James A. Pawelczyk, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; and Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr., USMC (Ret.), JackandPanther, LLC, Houston, Texas.

OIL DEPENDENCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic risk of the oil dependence of the United States, and S. 2435, to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, after receiving

testimony from Alan C. Greenspan, Greenspan Associates, LLC, Washington, D.C.

ASBESTOS CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3274, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, after receiving testimony from former Michigan Governor John Engler, National Association of Manufacturers, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Council on Foreign Relations, and Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; Peter J. Ganz, Foster Wheeler Ltd., Clinton, New Jersey; Eric D. Green, Boston University School of Law, and Edmund F. Kelly, Liberty Mutual Group, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Flora M. Green, Seniors Coalition, Fairfax, Virginia; and James A. Grogan, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers, Lantham, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5538–5552; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 424 and H. Res. 852–855, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4084, to amend the Forest Service use and occupancy permit program to restore the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to utilize the special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the establishment and operation of marinas in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain (H. Rept. 109–490, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 850, providing for consideration of H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services (H. Rept. 109–491); and

H. Res. 851, providing for consideration of H.R. 5522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–492).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Westmoreland to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:04 a.m. for the purpose of receiving Her Excellency Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia. The House reconvened at 12:25 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

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Joint Meeting to receive Her Excellency Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia: The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive Her Excellency Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia. She was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Boehner, Blunt, Putnam, Kingston, Shimkus, Wicker, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson of Connecticut, Wexler, and Kucinich; and Senators Frist, McConnell, Stevens, Kyl, Lott, Durbin, and Boxer.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2007: The House passed H.R. 5521, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year